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PART II

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1. AN APPARENT FULL TRANSLATION OF PRESIDENT SIAD'S REMARKS OF SEPTEMBER 26, MARKING THE MUSLIM HOLIDAY ID EL-FITR, APPEARED IN THE INAUGURAL EDITION OF HALGAN ("STRUGGLE"), THE MONTHLY JOURNAL OF THE SOMALI REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALIST PARTY (SRSP). AS IN PREVIOUSLY AVAILABLE ACCOUNTS OF HIS REMARKS (REFTEL), SIAD DENIEGRATES U.S. MOTIVES AND POLICIES. BUT, IN THE HALGAN VERSION, HIS LANGUAGE WAS MORE HARSH AND DIRECT THAN IN EARLIER RENDITIONS.

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2. "KISSINGER", HE SAID, "HAS REVIVED THE DOCTRINE OF DIVIDE

AND RULE". THE SECRETARY'S "BACK-SLAPPINGS, COMMUNIQUEES, PUBLICITY STUNTS AND OTHER TRAPPINGS OF SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY BELIE THE REAL IMPERIALIST MOTIVES". SIAD WARNED THAT "THE METHODS OF OUR ENEMIES CHANGE BUT THEIR OBJECTIVES ARE PERMANENT".

3. DISCUSSING THE MIDDLE EAST, PRESIDENT SIAD SAID, "THE DESTRUCTION OF LEBANON AND THE BURNING OF BEIRUT ARE SYMBOLS OF THE SHAMBLES TO WHICH THE ARAB WORLD HAS BEEN REDUCED... THIS IS THE RESULT OF KISSINGER'S SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY".

4. SEVERAL COPIES OF HALGAN ARE BEING POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

5. COMMENT: OTHER RENDITIONS OF SIAD'S ID EL-FITR SPEECH, I.E., SOMALI NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY (SONNA) AND RADIO MOGADISCIO, OMITTED THE PRESIDENT'S CAUSTIC PERSONAL ATTACKS ON SECRETARY KISSINGER. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY LOCAL SOURCES THAT WHAT APPEARS IN SONNA OFTEN DIFFERS CONSIDERABLY FROM WHAT SIAD ACTUALLY SAYS ON ANY GIVEN OCCASION. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER OR NOT HALGAN WILL CONTINUE TO PUBLISH SIAD'S THOUGHTS UNABRIDGED. IN ANY EVENT, THE TONE AND SUBSTANCE OF HIS REMARKS ON ID EL-FITR ARE IN STARK CONTRAST TO THE GSDR'S FREQUENT PROTESTATIONS THAT IT DESIRES IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THE U.S.
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